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TAGS: SHUM, CSCE, PINT, RO

SUBJECT: DISSIDENTS: STATUS OF PAUL GOMA

REF: BUCHAREST 6629

- 1. FRENCH EMBOFF CONFIRMED TO US SEPTEMBER 12 INFO PARA. 4
 REFTEL ON CURRENT SITUATION OF GOMA. ACCORDING TO FRENCH,
 ONE OF THEIR OFFICERS ACCIDENTLY BUMPED INTO GOMA RECENTLY
 AT DOWNTOWN LUNCHROOM CLOSE TO BOTH FRENCH EMBASSY AND NATIONAL
 LIBRARY WHERE GOMA WORKS, AND WAS ABLE TO EXCHANGE A FEW WORDS
 WITH HIM. GOMA REPORTEDLY SAID THAT HE WAS UNDER CONSTANT
 SURVEILLANCE BY SECURITY FORCES AND BARRED FROM ALL CONTACTS
 WITH WESTERN OFFICIALS AND JOURNALISTS, WITH POSSIBILITY OF
 SEVERE BUT UNSPECIFIED RETALIATION AGAINST HIM IF HE VIOLATES
 THIS CONDITION. NOR IS HE ALLOWED CONTACT WITH OTHER DISSIDENTS,
 AND HE HAS NO REAL IDEA OF WHAT OTHERS ARE DOING.
- 2. FRENCH SOURCE COMMENTED THAT GOMA SEEMED EAGER TO BREAK OFF THE CONVERSATION AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE, AND HE SHOWED NO INTEREST IN FURTHER CONTACTS. HE ALSO SAID THAT GOMA APPEARED TIRED AND EXTREMELY NERVOUS.
- 3. FRENCH EMBOFF OPINED THAT GOMA'S DETERMINATION TO REMAIN IN ROMANIA IS WEAKENING AND THAT HE MIGHT ACCEPT CONFIDENTIAL

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PARIS PEN CLUB INVITATION TO "VISIT" SOONER RATHER THAN LATER. IF SO, HIS AND OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT GOR WOULD ISSUE PASSPORTS QUICKLY ON BASIS THAT GOMA WOULD NOT COME BACK. ONE ADDITIONAL FACTOR WHICH BOTH WE AND FRENCH HAVE HEARD IS THAT MRS. GOMA IS APPARENTLY EVEN MORE DETERMINED TO CALL IT QUITS AND TO GET OUT. BARNES

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